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Title:

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL DETECTOR FOR DETECTING

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL IN A MAILSTREAM

AMENDEMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the September 15, 2004

Office Action ("Office Action"). A response is due December 15, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. The following sections are enclosed:

- 1. Amendments to the claims; and
- 2. Remarks.

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